

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. No claims have been amended, canceled, or added. As such, claims 1-3, 6-8, 13-20, 26, 27, 30, and 31 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13-19, 26, 27, 30, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,577,299 to Schiller ("Schiller"). Claims 1 and 18 recite, in part, the features of "a specially formatted surface including a predefined address pattern..." and "an electronic pen for detecting a portion of the predefined address pattern adjacent to the electronic pen, wherein a position of the electronic pen on the specially formatted surface can be determined using the detected portion of the predefined address pattern...."

It is asserted at page 2, of the Office Action that Schiller teaches a specially formatted surface at col. 3, lines 21-54 and col. 6, line 63 - col. 7, line 35. Applicants respectfully disagree. Col. 3, lines 21-54 of Schiller describes a pen and associated clip (pen cap). The clip is attached to the edge of the paper and the position of the pen is determined based on readings from the clip. Neither the clip nor any other portion of the Schiller device described teaches or suggests a specially formatted surface as recited in claims 1 and 18. Col. 6, line 63 - col. 7, line 35 of Schiller describes a pen with a transducer that sends two omni-directional ultrasound bursts at two different carrier frequencies that are picked up by two separate ultrasound receivers. The response is sent from the receivers to the pen by infrared light. The ultrasound bursts may travel through the air, writing surface, or a hard surface, such as the table beneath the writing surface. However, the signals originate at the pen. *See* Schiller col. 7, lines 28-33 and Figures 10A-10D. Applicants respectfully submit that Schiller does not teach a specially formatted surface as recited in claims 1 and 18.

As Schiller does not teach a specially formatted surface, Schiller also cannot teach an electronic pen for detecting a portion of the predefined address pattern adjacent to the electronic pen, wherein a position of the electronic pen on the specially formatted surface can be determined using the detected portion of the predefined address pattern as recited in claims 1 and 18. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 18 distinguish over Schiller and request that the §102 rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 13-17, 19, 26, 27, 30, and 31 are either directly or indirectly dependent from one of claims 1 and 18 and should distinguish over Schiller for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 13-17, 19, 26, 27, 30, and 31 be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 8, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiller in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,739,810 to Merkel ("Merkel"). Claims 7, 8, and 20 are either directly or indirectly dependent from one of claims 1 and 18 and should distinguish over Schiller for at least the same reasons as stated above. Merkel does not remedy the deficiencies of Schiller in that Merkel also does not teach a specially formatted surface or an electronic pen for detecting a portion of the predefined address pattern adjacent to the electronic pen. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 8, and 20 distinguish over the combination of Schiller and Merkel and request that the §103 rejection of claims 7, 8, and 20 be withdrawn.

Claims 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiller in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,622,031 to McCleary ("McCleary"). Applicants respectfully submit that McCleary is not properly citable prior art against the present application. The earliest effective date of McCleary is October 4, 2000. The present application claims priority to Provisional Patent Applications 60/182,742 filed on February 16, 2000, 60/190,343 filed on March 16, 2000, and 60/192,662 filed on March 28, 2000. As such, the earliest filing date of the present application pre-dates the effective date of McCleary. Applicants submit that McCleary is not properly citable prior art against the present application and request that the §103 rejection of claims 15 and 17 be withdrawn.

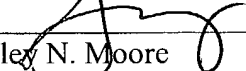
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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